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Items of Interest

Newark, Alderman Miller says has one hundred and thirty miles of streets, only thirty of which are paved and they all need renewing.

A telegraph station has just been established at Fair Play and Alma, Colorado.—The latter is 10500 feet above the level of the sea and supposed to be the highest tel-

The Chinese are flocking into California faster than ever. Already they number one-quarter of the male adults of the State.

A marble slab bearing the words, "J. Louis Agassiz, the celebrated naturalist was born in this house," has been placed on the front of a house in the village of Motier, Switzerland.

The Right Hon. Wm. E. Gladstone, ex-

PAPESTORY.—The Vatican decrees have attracted such world wide attention, recently read the Lessons during divine service in the village church of Hawarden, Flintshire, North Wales.

REV. SELAH MERRILL OF ANDOVER, MASS.—owns a musket used by Captain John Merrill at the battle of Bunker Hill. Captain Merrill took it from a dead British soldier, his weapon having been disabled.

FREIGHT CHARGES.—During the year 1901 the freight charges on the coastwise

pounds of grain from Chicago to New York by the Central Road and its connections has been 43½ cents, against 53 cents in 1873 and 55½ cents in 1872.

senger on her street railways, and out of this fund she has purchased, constructed and keeps in repair a magnificent public park. The fare in Baltimore is only five cents, out of which this one cent park tax

Ducks are a profitable kind of poultry to raise and should be more generally reared upon our farms. They are great eaters, but they are also rapid growers, and in their readiness to grow and take on flesh they make amends for their free eating propensities.

The College of New Jersey has, according to the last catalogue, 408 students. Of these, 88 are from New Jersey, 98 from New York, 85 from Pennsylvania, 27 from Maryland, 16 from District of Columbia, 10 from Ohio, 11 from Missouri, and 8 from North Carolina. Japan sends one, Syria one and

LONGEVITY—The history of five hundred of the greatest brain workers whose lives are on record, including of course some who died young, showed the average age at death to be 64.20.

The average age at the present period of the world, of all classes taken together, will live over twenty years, is about fifty. Therefore the great brain-workers live fourty years beyond the average.

of New York on Tuesday of every other week, Westward bound, to find new homes in a new country. The restless spirit of the street boy delights in this fine trip, a

grand scale. This rare opportunity is offered through the wide reaching benevolence of the Children's Aid Society. There are now about twenty-four thousand children thus settled in the West; and last year there were sent out three thousand, enough to settle quite a town. The children are not indentured, but are free to leave if treated, and the farmer can dismiss them if he finds them worthless.

tournaments is appointed to take place in New York on the 7th of January in the Academy of Music. A prize is to be given for the best essay on "The Utilitarian Theory of Morals," or "Any Play of Shakespeare Analyzed and Criticized." The judges are Col. T. W. Higginson, Mr. James T. Fields, and Mr. Richard Grant White.

nal speech not more than minutes long, on any subject, the judgment of its merit being founded upon its originality, its style, method and delivery. William Cullen Bryant, George William Curtis and Whittier law Reid are the judges.

accomplished the astonishing feat at Newark Industrial Building, of walking 500 miles in six consecutive days. He walked twice around the track after he completed his 500 miles and had 20 minutes to spare. The audience was the greatest ever assembled in that building.

His last two miles were concluded with the greatest excitement, such as clapping of hands, waving of handkerchiefs, and vociferous cheering. Weston's powers of endurance are attributed to his abstinence from ardent spirits, tobacco, or stimulants of any kind.

walks) has occurred in Newark, since Weston's advent, and a perceptible difference is manifest in the receipts of the hansom cabs. Those now walk who seldom walked before, and those who always walked now walk the more.

man says that a way to banish rats is to plant asphodel near the barn or stable where they are, or put some in their haunts. Rats have such an aversion for this plant that they will quit the premises where it is. If they are in drains or in cellars, scatter sulphate of iron (copperas) in the

solved. It is our best and cheapest disinfectant. The sulphuric acids burns the feet, and they leave in a short time, without dying.